

# **BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**Monday, November 5, 2007**

**Oliver Administration Building**

### **Present**

**Subcommittee: William O'Dell, Paul Brulé and David Dugan**

**School Committee, Administration and Staff: Diana Campbell, Karen Lynch, John Saviano, Edward Mara, Jane Correia, Bob Pugh and George Simmons**

**Bill O'Dell called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Paul Brule motioned to approve the minutes to the October 3, 2007 meeting; David Dugan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Public Comment – None**

**Warrant Review – No issues**

## **Athletic Fields**

**Eight years ago \$200,000 was spent on the high school track to make it sanctioned for track meets; it is not yet; a decision must be made whether to spend the extra money to bring it up to standard.**

**Jane Correia distributed the attached price quote from MF Athletic for the necessary equipment; these discounted prices were valid through October 31. It was the general opinion of the Committee that the \$200,000 already spent is wasted if we do not complete the project. The ability to hold track meets here would be a huge revenue producer for the Booster Club and the middle school would also use the facilities. Jane confirmed there is sufficient funding from this year's budget and from gate receipts. It was felt we should get a few more prices.**

**MOTION: Paul Brule motioned to approve the upgrade of the high school track, obtain two more price quotes, and prepare a final cost analysis to be presented to the full Committee for approval at the next business meeting. David Dugan seconded; the motion passed unanimously..**

## **Note – Words of Praise**

**John Saviano reported that at a recent meeting of the School Committee Association, RIDE staff highly praised Jane Correia and her staff for all their excellent work on the new Chart of Accounts.**

**Jane said Pauline Silva was a major contributor to the effort.**

### **Pop-Warner Issues**

**Don Rebello, Beth Penkala, Chris Ferreira and Mr. Olson (Pop-Warner President) have all worked to resolve any issues; Mr. Olson assured they will repair or replace anything that they damage. The poor condition of the outer fence appears to be due to age and normal wear and tear; repair has been worked into the budget.**

### **Field Expansion**

#### **Field at North End of Student Parking Lot**

**To prevent cars from driving onto this field, an estimate was obtained to install a low-level, low-impact, pressure treated guard rail across the area (attached); the sections would be placed with 4-foot spaces between to allow access to the area for equipment.**

**MOTION: Paul Brule motion to approve the installation of the proposed guard rail at the north end of the student parking lot at Mt. Hope High School at the cost of \$6,924, provided there is funding in the budget. David Dugan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Port-A-Johns**

**Ed Mara feels the new location of the port-a-johns is unsightly. What**

is really needed is a new press box with adjoining restroom facilities. Discussion followed about having the Home Building students build this, RWU architect students or Mt. Hope student design it, the need for a waste water system and funding.

#### **ACTION:**

• The Chair directed Administration to take the best possible action to resolve the port-a-john issues.

• The Chair will attend the Mt. Hope Home Building Project meeting on Thursday to explore the idea of the program's involvement.

• The Superintendent will ask Steve Eaton if the high school has the capabilities for the students to design a press box / restroom facility.

#### **Field Usage**

George Simmons reported on his meeting with Albert Veri, Landscape Architect, and a possible plan to install a lacrosse field and relocate the softball field, all with proper drainage, in the Naomi Street area (attached). Funding would come from next year's capital projects.

#### **Considerations:**

• The current location of lacrosse games cannot be used next year, field must have a rest.

• Any drainage pipes installed must be sufficient to accommodate current as well as future plans for field use in this area

to avoid disrupting newly installed fields.

• The Town is working on drainage issues on Dartmouth Street—this may impact our issues.

George Simmons will consult the architect for a cost estimate on a lacrosse field only. It was determined we need a full report on all the facility needs at the high school, including windows; the January budget meeting will be held at the high school for discussion of high school issues.

### **Security Systems – Guiteras and Rockwell**

Guiteras and Rockwell do not have alarm systems (for break-ins). The estimated cost from Home and Commercial is \$6,458.98 plus applicable permit fees (attached).

**MOTION:** Paul Brule motioned to go out to bid for the installation of an alarm system at Guiteras and Rockwell. David Dugan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

### **Hugh Cole Library Ventilation**

George Simmons explained the ventilation problems in the Hugh Cole library and the issue of insufficient air flow could best be resolved with a split air conditioning system. Jane said the Mary V. Quirk parents have suggested the money from their parent fund be used for the Hugh Cole library; any funding short falls would have to come from capital projects. Diana Campbell asked how this would fit into

the Phase II plan. Karen Lynch stated the Committee needs to make a decision on whether it wants to continue to do work at Hugh Cole or continue with Phase II and go for a bond. Jane reminded the Committee there is a five year asset protection plan in place. Paul Brule commented that there are issues at Hugh Cole that must be addressed and cannot wait.

### **Rockwell Concerns**

David Dugan, the Rockwell Liaison, brought two issues from the PTO:

1) Ground cover in the playground area needs replacing—George Simmons said it is Fibar; he will get a price on replenishing; the cost should be minimal.

2) Excessive heat in library –not a good environment for the computers, the books or the children. George Simmons suggested either a split air conditioning system or upsizing the exhaust; he will research the options.

### **Update on Main Street Closing**

There has been a substantial increase in the cost estimate due to the necessity of roof reinforcement for the air system. The Committee discussed other ideas for placement of apparatus. Bob Pugh said they are exploring the possibility of a self-contained server. Bob Pugh said the plans should be available on Wednesday; Paul Brule would like to review the specs.

**Diana Campbell left the meeting at 7:45 PM.**

**Bill O'Dell felt it was critical to consult with Bill Estrella about this issue.**

**Bob Pugh and George Simmons left the meeting at 7:47 PM.**

### **Budget Review – FY 2008**

**Jane reported no fiscal concerns for this year; we have a savings due to a retirement and a cutback on staff, which will probably be put into capital projects.**

### **Budget Planning – FY 2009**

**Preliminary numbers will be reviewed at the next Budget meeting.**

### **Audit Status – FY 2007**

**Work continues; no changes; nothing remarkable.**

### **Next Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 27, 2007, 6:00 PM, at Oliver.**

### **Adjournment**

**At 7:55 PM, Paul Brule, seconded by David Dugan motioned to adjourn; the motion passed unanimously.**

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